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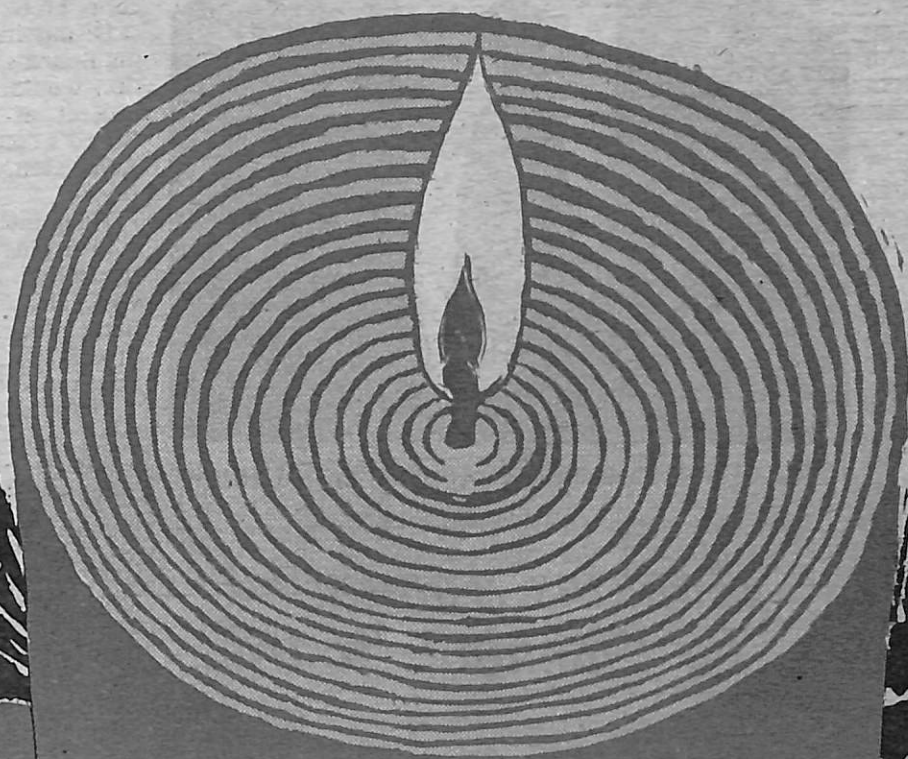
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## Season's Greetings

*Lou, Pat, Jeffrey, Jason Guevin*

*Gail Loucto  
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Joanne Brown*



## Superintendent Assumes New Post

By Joanne Brown

Louis J. Hebert, Agawam's new Superintendent of Schools, took up his post last Monday and spent most of his first day on the job touring the schools in town to meet principals and other school personnel.

"Jim Bruno took me around to introduce me to everyone, and I generally spent the day trying to acquaint myself with Agawam," stated Hebert.

He explained that his immediate priorities have to do with the budgeting procedure for the Agawam system which is somewhat different from the one he had been using at his former position in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

"With initial budget discussions set for January, I have to figure out what areas are emphasized throughout the Agawam schools so that I'll still have time to give input on this year's budget," Hebert noted. He continued to say that he definitely hopes to discuss more than equipment and supplies.

Hebert comes to Agawam with bachelor of arts and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts, a master's of arts degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology, and a doctorate degree from Carnegie-Mellon University.

He has taught school on all levels in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and has served as a department head on the secondary level and as an assistant superintendent of schools. He has previously termed himself a curriculum specialist and has expressed anticipation of working within the Agawam schools in this area.

He has already begun to immerse himself in various aspects of education in town. Early in the week, he, together with Bruno, and James Loomis, principal of Granger School, met with a representative from the Stanford Achievement Test firm for a preliminary investigation into options available in establishing the minimum competency testing which is mandated for September, 1980.

Hebert explained that several options exist, and a careful look must be taken at our own school system and its needs and values before a decision can be made.

He has also been appraised of the problem in town schools with head lice. He commented that he had never actually had to handle this type of situation as an administrator, but upon hearing of its existence in town before coming, he did seek out local New Jersey authorities to compile information which might be helpful. He expressed his intention to work fully with Health Director Ronald Young and with Assistant Superintendent Bruno, who has been handling this problem as acting superintendent.

Hebert has also been briefed in a general way on the enrollment studies report done last year and will be looking into a follow-up to determine exactly how on-target the results are working out.

Hebert explained that his wife is still in New Jersey working out the final arrangements for the sale of their house. They plan to spend some of the Christmas vacation househunting here, along with their daughter Mary Beth, who is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.



New Agawam Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert

## Hopkins Appointed To Planning Board

The Town Council appointed Dennis Hopkins, plant engineer at the Eastern States Exposition, to the Planning Board seat vacated by former board chairman Ronald Hout at Monday's regular Council session.

Hopkins, 26, received a 10-3 vote to complete Hout's term which expires January 1, 1983. The appointment, recommended by Town Manager Peter Caputo, had been tabled at the Council's December 3rd meeting. Councilors indicated at the time that they wished to conduct some research into Hopkins' background along with the backgrounds of other candidates.

According to Councilor Robert Deforge, his inquiry of Hopkins resulted in several favorable comments. Said Deforge: "I did take the time to call a few people and was told that Mr. Hopkins is an outstanding young man and a person who will make open and clean cut decisions, and will not be swayed by any group."

Although he voted in Hopkins' favor, Councilor William Herd stated that he questioned the qualifications of Hopkins when the Planning Board forwards their recommendation on the proposed 455 condominium project of developer Frank Solitario early next year.

Herd indicated that he believed the appointment should again be tabled until a more qualified individual comes forward.

Council vice-president Francis Colli, however, voiced support of

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## ACT To Oppose Solitario Project

By Ric Sardella

Steering committee members of the Agawam Citizens Together organization today told the *Advertiser/News* that the group intends on "coming out in force" against the proposed condominium project of local developer Frank Solitario when it appears before the Town Council.

Asserted ACT President Daniel Lacienski, "After talking to the developer and reviewing the plans, the organization has decided to come out against Mr. Solitario's latest proposal. We intend to let our councilors know where we stand on this issue."

Dismissing rumors that ACT's no-show at the Planning Board's December 13th meeting meant the organization would remain silent on the estimated \$25 million project as erroneous, Lacienski said the Planning Board's recommendation to the council "is a foregone conclusion, and the real fight will be on the council floor."

He pointed to the fact that when Solitario came forth with a much larger condominium project last March, the Planning Board supported it by a controversial 3-2 vote. The developer ultimately withdrew his plans after fierce residential opposition. His latest proposal consists of 455 units to be located at the corner of Suffield and South Streets.

"Why should we believe that the board will change its mind on a smaller proposal?" Lacienski asked. "If we would have come out like we did last time, it would have fallen on deaf ears. So we'll wait until the council review it."

Lacienski said that board members Charles Calabrese, Harold Ellis, and Louis Chickette "have already made their minds up." He believes only veteran board member Robert Bergin will voice opposition to the project when the board makes a non-binding recommendation to the council after January 1st. Former Chairman Ronald Huot, who joined Bergin against the original project, is not longer with the board.

ACT, said Lacienski, has several major objections to the new proposal. Solitario has included a small shopping mall and a buffer strip of 24 single family homes on South Street. Plans call for the project to consume 65 acres of farmland.

"First," he explained, "the parcel of land is not conducive to any type of major development. We feel that Mr. Solitario will create a hardship on the Worthington Brook and that will cause drainage problems for abutting residents."

Other ACT objections as described by Lacienski include wetlands on the parcel, a high tension transmission wire which bisects the parcel and is owned by Western Mass. Electric, a gas pipeline owned by Tennessee Gas beneath the surface, and the fact that sewerage construction will increase the sewer budget for the area in order to accommodate the full 455 unit project as cited by Town Engineer Michael Suprenaut.

"The high tension wire and the underground gas pipe are not the best things to have around people and buildings," Lacienski said. "It would create a public hazard."

He continued, "How can the developer say it won't cost the town money to put the condominiums up? The sewer alone will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We believe there are many other priorities and needs around the community at this time. Why should the town be forced to put up additional municipal services when they are already needed by long-time homeowners?"

Agreeing with Lacienski was Precinct 6 Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who opposed the initial Solitario project. He remarked, "Just the fact that the project hinges on the new sewer line, a line that the council has not even discussed, I get the feeling someone is speculating. If we're looking for a tax base, let's go to the industrial park."

Fieldstad added that 26 acres on the tract are "farmable." He said the community can no longer afford to give away its dwindling farmlands.

At the Planning Board's hearing, Donald Conway, Solitario's counsel, stated that the project would provide the community with a substantial increase in tax revenue. He further told the Planning Board members that municipal services for the project would be minimal.

The ACT spokesman took issue, saying, "Cost down the road for the project will not be in the benefit of the entire community. Look at what history has brought to the community whenever a large scale project has been built. The towns end up paying for it and that's taxpayers money. We don't feel that is fair at this time."

## VFW Children's Party

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 will hold a Christmas party for children up to 12 years of age sponsored by members of the post on Saturday, December 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. The VFW post is located at 194 South Street, Agawam.

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## Robinson Cut-A-Cord Program To Begin

A limited public cut-a-cord program will take place at Robinson State Park in Agawam beginning this Thursday, December 20 and will run until January 20, 1980, according to Gilbert Bliss, director of the Division of Forests and Parks. However, a diminished supply of suitable wood and adverse snow conditions could force an earlier program closing.

This limited fuelwood program will salvage damaged trees from the severe storm that struck the area on October 3rd.

The Robinson State Park cut-a-cord will operate according to Division of Forests and Parks regulations for the regular program. Cutting will be allowed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the period. Only Massachusetts residents may participate in the program and permits, available on a first-come, first-served basis, will cost \$4.00. Participants may obtain permits each day at the park's main gate, located on North Street, at 8:30 a.m. These permits allow the harvest of up to one cord of marked wood on the day the permit is issued.

Thursdays are to be set aside for senior citizens (62 years of age and older) and the handicapped. These permits will be issued free of charge and each senior citizen or handicapped person may be accompanied by one other person to help cut and remove the wood.

Bliss went on to say that the Division of Forests and Parks is now preparing contracts for a commercial timber of approximately half a million board feet of timber felled during the storm which is suitable for lumber. Once this sale is completed, the division expects to once again provide some form of public wood cutting program to clean up logging residue.

For more information, contact Robinson State Park at 786-2877 or the Regional Forests and Parks headquarters in Amherst at 413-549-1461.

# ATTENTION READERS

The next issue of the Agawam Advertiser/News will be published on Thursday, January 3, 1980. This is being done to allow our hard working, dedicated staff to have time off to enjoy the holidays with their families.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to serving you in 1980.


Pat Guevin, Editor



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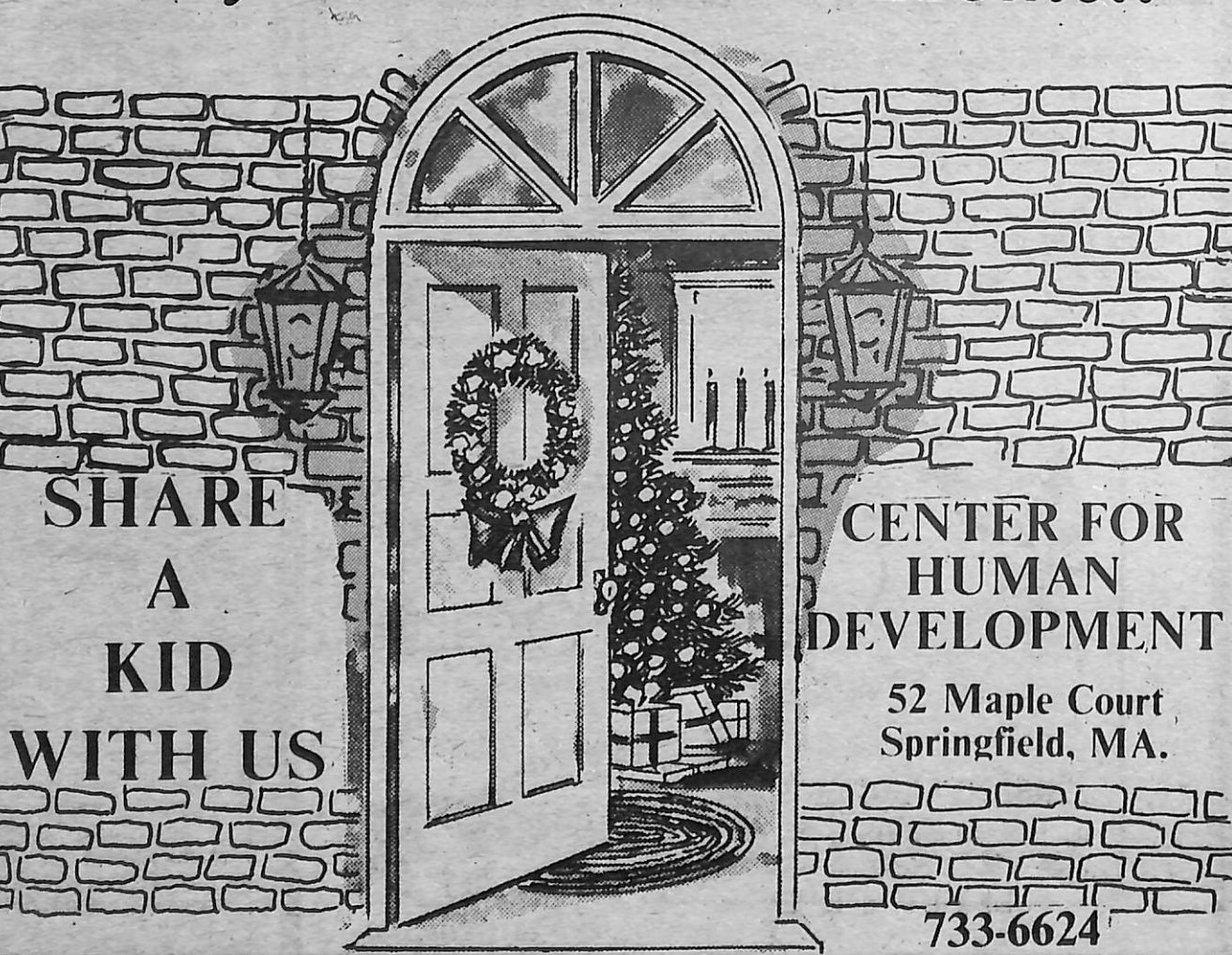
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# SCHOOL NEWS



The fourth grade at Robinson Park School presented Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" last week for their classmates. Pictured above from left to right are: top row-Vinnie Cremonetti, Stephanie Meunier, Jackie Provost, Mike Phelps. Second row, same order: Julie Frasco, Jamie Cassidy, Alaina Gurski, Jonathon Lathrop, and Elizabeth Marzano. Front row: Michael Filkowshi, Robert Benson, Lori Kudelski, and Sarah Scaggs. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

## Agawam Woman Named To Colleges' Who's Who

The 1979-1980 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges* will carry the names of eight women from the College of Our Lady of the Elms, including one from Agawam, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the name of Marisa Vazquez based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Miss Vazquez is the daughter of Jose and Mary Vazquez of Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School. She is majoring in Art Therapy at the Elms.

She joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,200 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations who have been honored in this publication since it was first published in 1934.

## Soliciting Not Authorized

It has come to the attention of the Agawam School Department that local merchants are being solicited for the purchase of advertising in a school athletic calendar. The Agawam School Committee has not authorized and is not sponsoring this activity.

## Barbara Landers Attains Dean's List At SC

Barbara A. Landers of Feeding Hills has been named to the dean's list at Springfield College, according to SC Academic Dean Dr. Paul U. Congdon.

Miss Landers, a sophomore physical education major at the college, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Landers of 94 Kensington Street.

To be named to the dean's list at SC, students must maintain an academic index of 3.5 (of a possible 4.0) and show no incomplete course work or failures on their academic record.

# Guidance Bulletin Board

[This column which will appear on a regular basis is being coordinated by and submitted to our newspaper by Paul Cavallo, chairman of the Guidance Departments for schools in Agawam.]

The past week and a half has been a busy one for the Guidance Department. Warning slips were issued to students on Friday, December 14th, and that means that report cards and half-year grades are right around the corner.

Over 100 parents attended the department-sponsored Financial Aid Night in the Community Room of the town library. Dr. Lee Servis, director of financial aid at A.I.C., did a superb job of explaining the various options available to parents in applying for financial aid. More importantly, Mr. Servis guided the parents question by question through the financial aid form.

The feedback that we received from the parents who were present was very encouraging. They felt it was certainly a worthwhile two hour evening. The Guidance Department hopes to continue to respond to the needs of both students and parents whenever necessary. An announcement of future parent information evenings will be forthcoming in this column.

Last Wednesday, a representative from Pratt and Whitney, a division of United Technologies, spoke to 240 high school students regarding employment opportunities. Mr. John Magdycz, the high school-mechanical drawing teacher, arranged for the informative assembly. John Rice, P & W's personnel officer, told the students there is a dire need for metal machinists. In fact, there are over 200 openings in the field at the present time. He mentioned that P & W offers many educational opportunities to its employees, in particular, an in-house associate's degree through Manchester Community College.

On Thursday, December 13th, members of the guidance staff attended a Department of Education-sponsored meeting with personnel officers of American Bosch, Van Norman and Kidder Stacy, who informed us that the need for machinists is critical. The average age of machinists in their shops is 55 years. Plant tours of American Bosch and Van Norman took place and my staff and I found them very interesting.

On Tuesday, December 18th, Mr. John Hitchcock and Mr. Joseph Laino chaperoned 15 high school students to the Technical Career Institute in Windsor, Connecticut. The institute paid for all the expenses incurred during the trip. The school offers numerous vocational programs including one in solar energy.

**REMINDER:** Deadline date for SAT's is Friday, December 21.

F.A.F. forms are available in the guidance office - submit after January 1, 1980.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Valley Press Club - awarded to a high school senior planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education and planning a career in one of the following areas: a) newspaper or other print media journalism; b) radio and/or television; c) public relations; d) news photography or advertising.

## Robinson Student Government Promotes Energy Conservation

The Student Government at Robinson Park Elementary School, which is made up of representatives from grades two through five, is currently involved in an energy conservation awareness program.

The goal of this group is to make all of the students in their school aware of how serious the energy conservation problem is and to suggest ideas on how each individual can help.

Through their meetings, the members have come up with several energy saving ideas which are currently being put into operation in the school. To aid them further in their efforts, they recently met with Mr. Lou Miodowski, director of school building maintenance, to seek suggestions from him as to how they may assist with conservation measures.

Mr. Miodowski addressed them about the need to save energy in our schools and then offered many suggestions the student government members could take back to their classrooms to share with their fellow students.

This is the second year of a student government at Robinson Park School. The group was originally formed through the efforts of Principal Barbara Skolnick, who serves as administrative representative, and fifth grade teacher Tony Ferreira, who serves as faculty representative to the organization.



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# Officials Brace For Possible Influx Of Post-Vacation Lice

By Joanne Brown

Officials of both the School Department and the Health Department have expressed concern that the problem with head lice in our schools will increase over Christmas vacation.

Officials have repeatedly resisted closing schools early emphasizing that seeing children every day at school is the most effective way they have to keep control of the infested children. With the long vacation approaching, they fear the spreading of the situation.

"Before Thanksgiving break, no new cases were found anywhere in town," said Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, "but when schools reopened that Monday, 25 new cases were reported at Clark."

Bruno and Health Director Ronald Young strongly urged parents to follow the publicized recommendations to prevent transference of the condition and to keep to a minimum any contact between children.

Bruno sympathized, saying, "I realize this is the most difficult time of the year to ask this, but it must be done."

All children's programs throughout the town, including private baton and dancing classes, have been cancelled until after the new year in an effort to control the spread of the problem.

Figures reported for this week indicate that Clark School had 8 repeat cases on Monday and 6 repeats on Tuesday, a day which saw 329 students present and 67 absent at that school. Officials expressed cautious optimism that progress was finally being made at Clark.

Other elementary schools in town with reported cases this week include 2 repeat and 3 new at Robinson, 2 new at Danahy, and 1 new at Phelps.

At the Middle School where all of the students had not yet been checked as of Wednesday, December 19th, the report was "4 still absent" on Monday and "3 still absent" on Tuesday.

Interpretation of these figures varies depending on whether parents view them or officials.

One particularly angry mother told the *Advertiser/News* that she was keeping her two children at home so they do not contract the lice. Officials could not explain if these two were included in those "still out."

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## Coloring Contest Winners Named



Lori LaGrange, River Road, Agawam, was the winner in the 7 and under age category. Lori won a Timex 'Lucy' watch. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

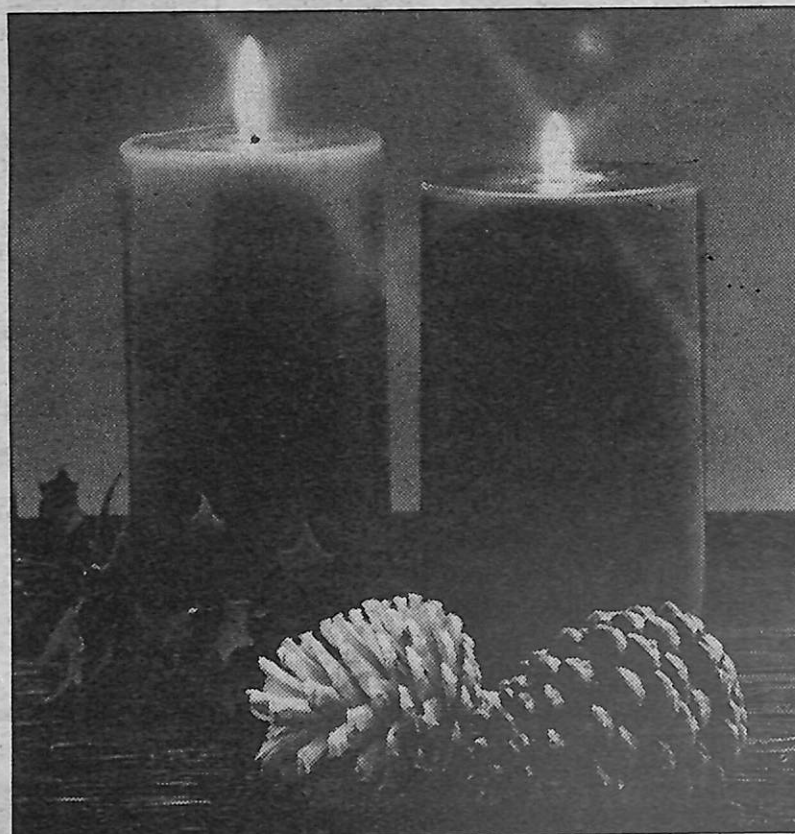


Kim Nardi, Anthony Street, Agawam was the winner of the Agawam Advertiser/News' Christmas Coloring Contest in the 8-10 age division. Kim was awarded a Timex watch. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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## Lowells Celebrate 30th Anniversary

A 30th wedding anniversary was celebrated on December 17th by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lowell of Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam, during a family dinner party at the Log Cabin restaurant in Easthampton.

The couple was married in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 17, 1949. They moved to Agawam in 1951.

Mr. Lowell is employed as a sales representative for Rand, McNally Corporation in the Connecticut area.

Mrs. Lowell is the elementary band director for the Agawam School System.

The Lowells have three sons, John of Plino, Texas, James and William both of Agawam.



Waffleman as he appeared at the Agawam Youth Center's Pot Luck Supper. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

## Agawam Man Named Respiratory Group President

Paul J. Mathews Jr., chief of respiratory therapy and cardiology/cerebral studies at Providence Hospital, was named president of the Massachusetts Society for Respiratory Therapy, Inc. at the annual meeting of the group in Sturbridge recently.

Mathews is a graduate of the Yale-New Haven Medical Center School of Respiratory Therapy and Quinnipiac College, where he received an associate's degree in respiratory therapy and a bachelor's degree in Health Service Administration. He was awarded a master's degree from the University of Hartford, Connecticut, Graduate School of Business and Public Administration in 1978.

He is a registrant of the National Board of Respiratory Therapy and a member of the American Association of Physicians Assistants.

Mathews, his wife and their three children live on Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

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## Youth Center Hosts Pot Luck Dinner

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This pot luck dinner combined eating and socializing with a chance for citizens to learn about the Agawam Youth Center. A slide show, singing, a fun raffle, and a surprise guest performer were among the evening's activities.

The dinner was held at the Agawam Congregational Church. As people gathered at the church, they were greeted by music provided by Christa Myrick on her guitar and by an ongoing slide show of Youth Center activities narrated by Lewis Hurd.

Vic Ruby, chairperson of the Agawam Youth Commission, was the master of ceremonies and introduced the other members of the commission, Pat Affleck and Connie Letendre. The Youth Commission requested that adults interested in being on the commission contact any commissioner for information about the job. The commission is supposed to have seven members, but at present there are only three.

The Youth Center staff was also introduced. Tim Diehl, director, Karen Bogdanovitch, vocational administrator, and Stephan Cohen, activities coordinator, each offered their own words of welcome. The recreation leaders and youth staff-in-training were recognized for their contributions to the center.

After the introductions, a fun raffle was held. The names of each person present at the dinner were put into a can. Cheers and applause accompanied the selection of the raffle winners. Debbie Aurichio and Paul Sutton each won the privilege of taking out camping equipment from the Youth Center free of charge. Hope Moore won breakfast with Tim Diehl. Jackie Provost can participate in a Youth Center cross country ski trip without paying for her gasoline costs. Dana Hoague won a free bicycle tune-up. Free admission to a Youth Center movie was won by Dan Munley.

The highlight of the evening was the appearance of a special guest entertainer. "It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Skylab!" yelled Tim Diehl from the front of the hall.

"No, Skylab landed in Australia," answered a voice from the back of the room.

"It's Australia," responded Tim.

"No, it's Waffleman," shouted a chorus of youth. And in sailed Waffleman, alias Joshua Jay of Haydenville, Massachusetts, on rollerskates, his cape flying behind him.

This waffle cooking superhero proceeded to tell jokes and sing songs reminding everyone of the dangers of consuming too much white sugar. Agawam youth and adults became involved playing instruments, clapping hands and singing along with the songs. Waffleman's special homemade whole wheat waffles, made with fresh fruit for sweetness, were available for all to consume.

Behind the scenes, Peg Brown, assisted by Gladys Belcher and youth volunteers, kept the kitchen organized and smoothly functioning.

The Agawam Youth Center offers varied activities and programs for youth between the ages of 5 and 18. If you are interested in participating, contact the staff at 786-1280.



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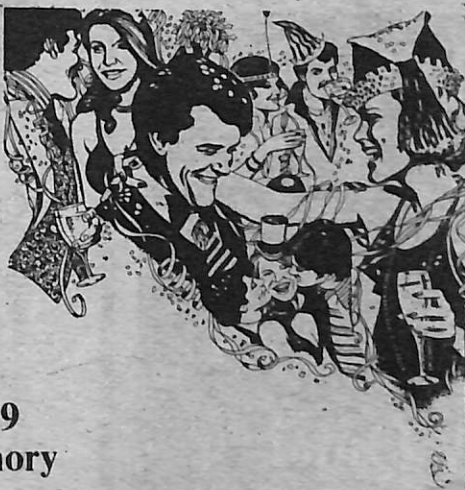
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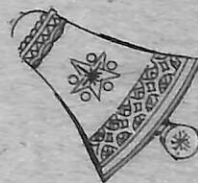
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a good year!

*Polish American  
Club*

139 Southwick St. Agawam



*The Rollaway*  
1756 Main St., Agawam

*Agawam Town Employees  
Federal Credit Union*  
381 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam

**season's  
cheer**

To old friends and new,  
go our wishes for a won-  
derful Christmas. Enjoy!

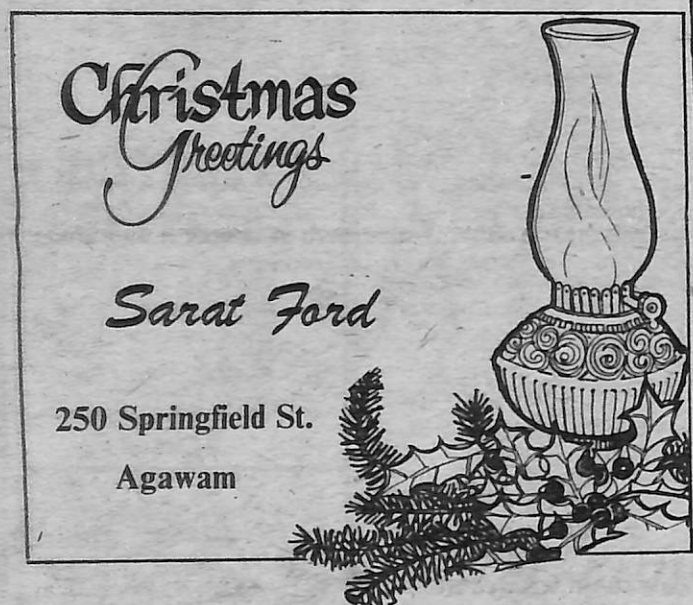


GREETINGS  
OF THE SEASON!  
to all of you!

*Outpost Restaurant*  
1664 Main St., Agawam

*Christmas  
Greetings*

*Sarat Ford*  
250 Springfield St.  
Agawam




**Holiday  
Greetings**

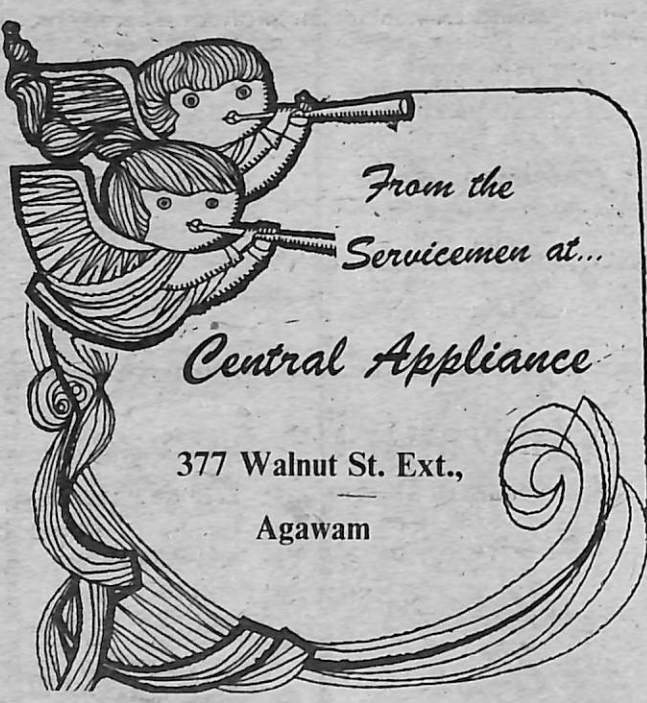
...and great joy to  
you and yours  
this holiday season.

*Superior Radiator*  
391 Springfield St., Agawam



*Season's  
greetings*

*Feeding Hills  
Nursery*  
1226 Springfield St.  
Feeding Hills



From the  
Servicemen at...

*Central Appliance*  
377 Walnut St. Ext.,  
Agawam

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

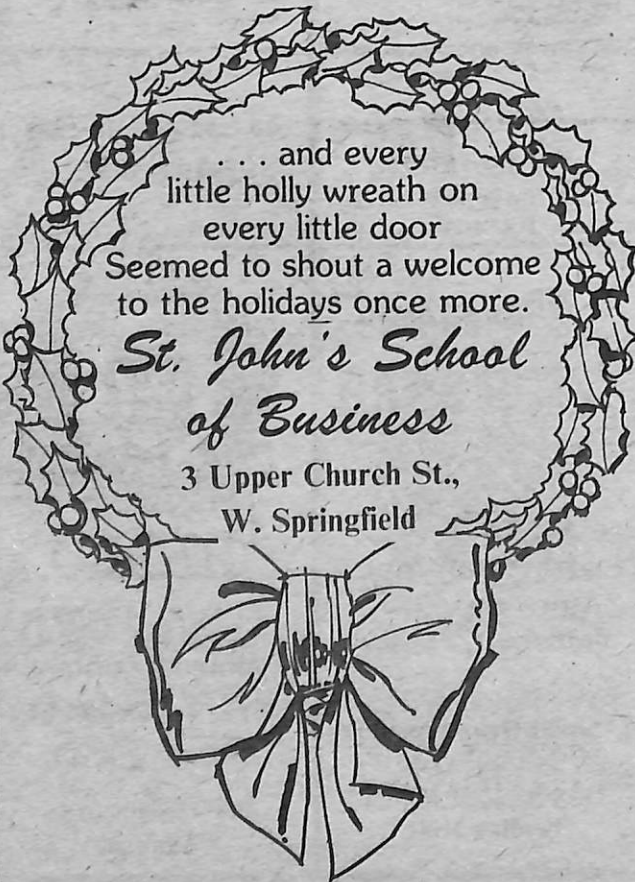


*Silver Carriage Inn*  
1520 Main St., Agawam



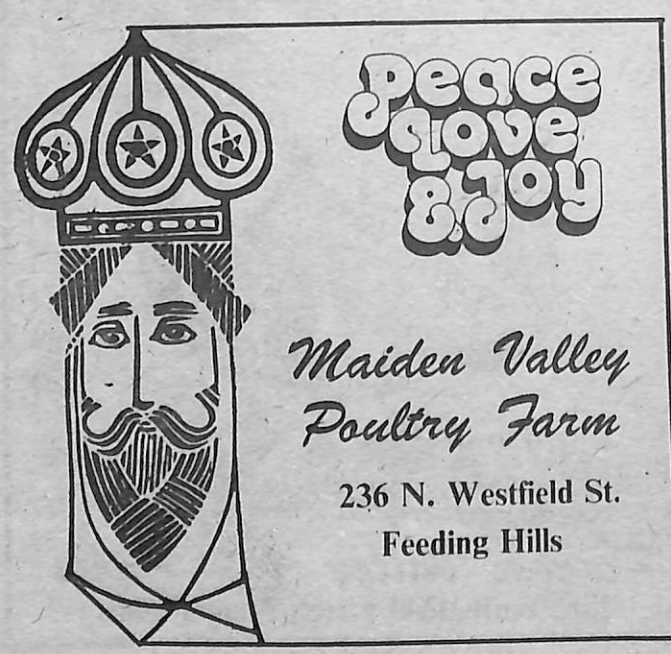
**Greetings**

*Hogan's Cycle Shop*  
1782 Main St., Agawam



... and every  
little holly wreath on  
every little door  
Seemed to shout a welcome  
to the holidays once more.

*St. John's School  
of Business*  
3 Upper Church St.,  
W. Springfield



**Peace  
Love  
& Joy**

*Maiden Valley  
Poultry Farm*  
236 N. Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills



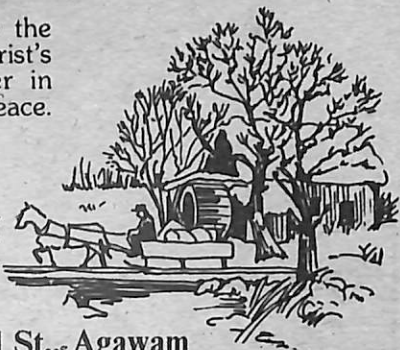
# The spirit of

## Merry Christmas

Rejoice! Enjoy the miracle of Christ's birth together in harmony and peace.

*Shamut  
First Bank*

820 Suffield St., Agawam



## Holiday Wishes

We're all set for merry-making and celebrating and thoughts of peace and love. May you find this holiday time to be the best ever! Enjoy it!

*Zayre Department Store*

151 Springfield Street, Agawam



## NOËL

Illuminate this holiday with joy and merriment and be happy for all of life's pleasures and fun.

*Collectables Unlimited  
Tom & Carol*

65 Agawam Shopping Center Court, Agawam



## Christmas Cheer

Hoping that all of you are blessed in every way and enjoy a memorable holiday.

*Travel Consultants  
Katie, Donna, Joan*

430 Main St.  
Agawam

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS



The holidays just wouldn't be complete without our message to you... "have a very merry!"

*Pioneer Valley Auto Parts*  
1355 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills

## Happy



## Holiday

We take this Yuletide occasion to thank all our friends and loyal patrons. Merry Christmas.

*Dairy Mart*  
344 N. Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills

## best wishes



*J.O. Young,*

We hope your holiday blooms with fun and excitement, and the spirit of Christmas enlightens your life.

71 Ramah Circle South, Agawam

## Christmas Greetings



*Agawam Bowl*

Wishing you the very best in holiday cheer and good health to you throughout the year.

363 Walnut St. Ext.  
Agawam

## Happy Holiday



Ho, ho, ho and a bundle of Christmas cheer to all of you. Our thanks.

*Colonial News*  
39 Southwick St.  
Feeding Hills



## NOEL

May the serenity of the season fill your holiday with peace, warmth, brotherhood.

*Building 451*  
79 Springfield St.  
Agawam

## Christmas Cheer



Hoping your holiday is filled with sweetness and happy surprises too!

*Top Job*  
825 Springfield St.  
Agawam



## YULETIDE GREETINGS

Here's hoping that your holiday will be filled with goodies.

*Rack 'n Cue*  
359 Walnut St. Ext.  
Agawam



## Holiday Cheer

Santa's elf says, "smile and have a terrific Christmas."

*Agawam  
Appliance*  
278 Springfield St.  
Agawam

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We'd like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas, and extend our many thanks to all our friends and customers.

*Food Mart*

63 Springfield Street  
Agawam



## Greetings

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and heartwarming season.

*F.H. Postmaster  
Joseph Dahdah  
& Family*

## Peace



*Golden Dream*

May your family enjoy health, happiness, and prosperity. Be joyous.

835 Springfield St.  
Feeding Hills



## HELLO

Smile and be happy... make it the merriest holiday ever. Thanks.

*ERA Suburban  
Real Estate*

289 Springfield St.  
Agawam



## The Joys of Christmas

*Pignature Service Center*

395 Main St., Agawam



# Christmas...



## Merry Christmas

*Jeff Allen  
Delicacies  
The Touchette Family  
301 Springfield St.  
Agawam*



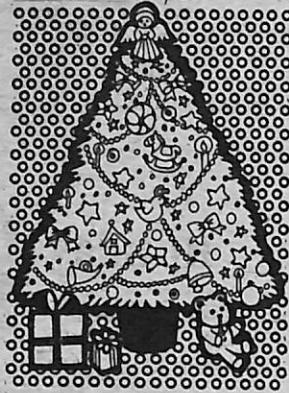
PEACE  
ON  
EARTH

May this spirit of reverence and rejoicing spread its wonder throughout your daily lives. Happiness to you!

*Allen Lawnmower  
197 Main Street, Agawam*

## Greetings

May your holiday be decorated with glad tidings and cheer.



*Soda City  
351 Walnut St. Ext.  
Agawam*



## Season's Greetings

As we celebrate His birth, may the spirit of peace and love fill your hearts this Noel.

*Agawam Staff of  
Montgomery Ward  
77 Springfield St.*

## A Christmas Wish

Peach and brother love, joy and contentment...may all things that mean Christmas be yours this holiday...and throughout the year.



*Dairy Mart  
Gene & Roger*

711 Main Street, Agawam

## Best Wishes



Let this Christmas be blessed with all the fun imaginable and lots of holiday cheer!

*Valley Farms  
Mini Mart  
35 Southwick St.  
Agawam*



## Best Wishes

*Christy's Plumbing  
& Heating*

54 Ramah Circle, Agawam



Thank You, voters of Agawam, for the support you have given my candidacy.

*Happy Holidays  
to All!!*

*Bob Deforge*



## PEACE

Wishing you a season filled to the brim with warmth and contentment.

*Gerald and  
Phyllis Mason*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



May yours be a holiday season filled with surprises and good times... smiles and laughter! Hope all Christmas wishes come true for you!

*Friendly's*

19 Springfield St  
Agawam



## CHEERS

It's our frosty way to say, "hope you have a happy, happy holiday."

*Ferarra Spring  
& Auto Parts  
300 Springfield St.  
Agawam*



## Merry Christmas

May you rejoice in the spirit and gladness that this Holy holiday brings.

*III National Bank  
Agawam Staff  
701 Main Street*



## CHEERS

Santa's cooking up a batch of holiday greetings to send to all our dear friends!

*King's Department Store  
Suffield Street, Agawam*



## Happy Holiday

'Tis the season to be jolly! Here's hoping your holidays are filled with only the very best!

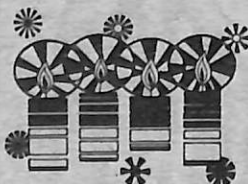
*Cavey's Restaurant  
485 Springfield St., Agawam*



*Carl & Pat Batchelder  
Holiday Cheer*

*Agawam Paint  
& Wallpaper  
833 Springfield St.  
Feeding Hills*

## McDonald's GREETINGS



May your season be aglow with peace and goodwill. Be glad.

*850 Suffield St.  
Agawam*



## Country Mouse House

Cr. Silver & Suffield Sts., Agawam



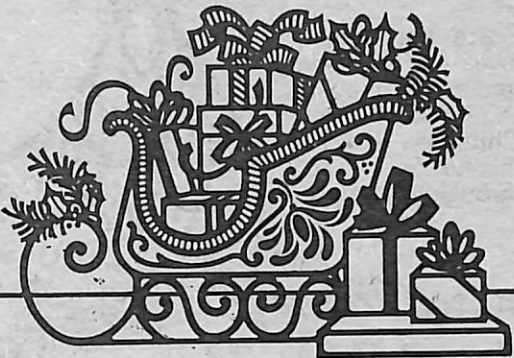
our holiday wishes to you and yours for the absolute merriest Christmas ever! Many thanks friends!





*A Joyous Christmas . . .  
May peace, good will  
and happiness  
follow you  
through all the year.*

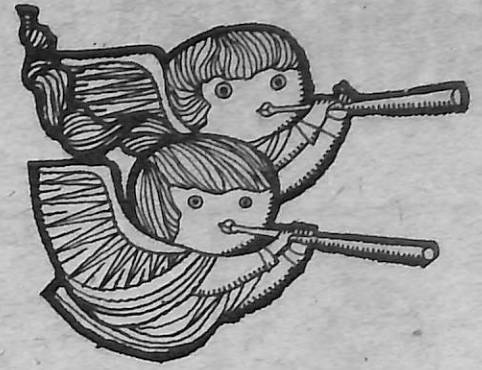
*Rep. & Mrs  
Edward W. Connelly*



*Frank & Tito  
Beauty Salon*

*We wish to take this  
time to thank you,  
our patrons for your  
support during the  
past year.*

*327 Walnut St. Ext.  
& Southgate Plaza  
Agawam*



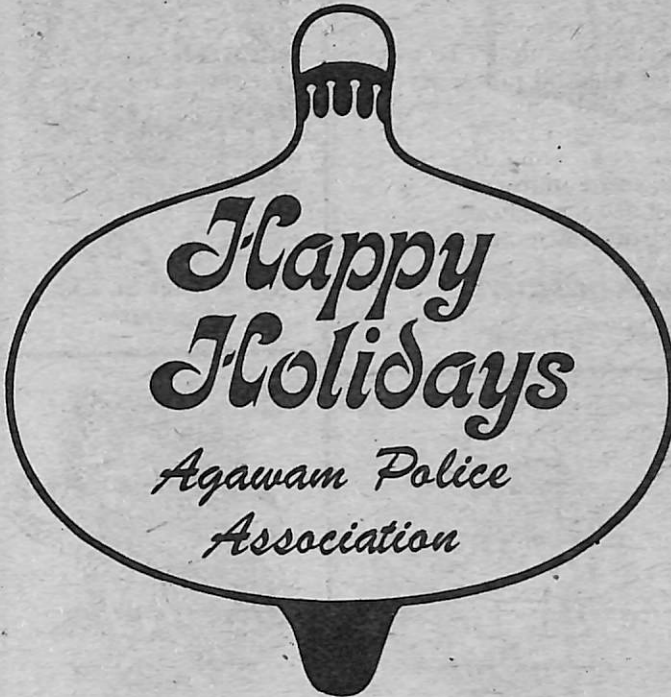
*Yuletide Cheer*

*Carolers sing, Christmas  
bells ring! 'Tis a season  
rich in the blessings of  
home, family and happy  
moments. Many thanks.*



*Suffield Street  
Agawam*

*Chriscola  
Farm  
Equipment*



*Happy  
Holidays*

*Agawam Police  
Association*



*Police Chief &  
Mrs. Stanley Chmielewski*



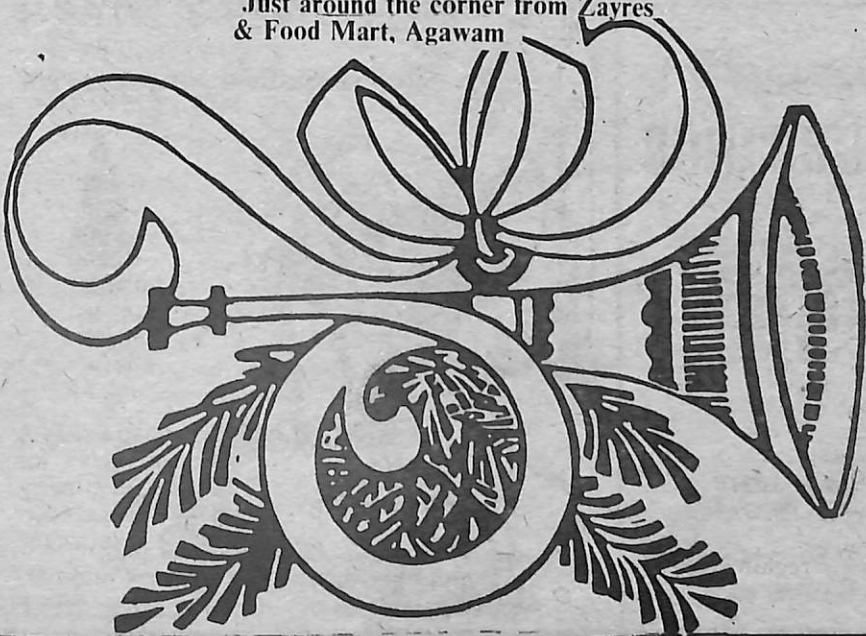
# Season's Greetings

*Wishing you  
Peace, Love and  
Happiness Throughout the  
Holiday Season*

*Gino, Chris, Henry, Eddie, Emilio,  
Dan & Doug*

**GINO'S LIQUORS**

*Walnut Plaza, Walnut St. Ext.  
Just around the corner from Zayres  
& Food Mart, Agawam*



*the*

## Crossroads

*Corner of Rt. 57 & N. Westfield Sts.  
Feeding Hills, Ma.*

*Here's to the Merriest Christmas ever! We'd like to  
thank all our friends and clients for helping to make  
this past year a huge success. We appreciate your  
coming to us. May your New Year be filled with all  
the good things in life . . . peace, good health, and  
much, much happiness!*





# EDITORIAL



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Valentine Moreno's latest move to initiate another referendum vote to establish a mayor form of government is asinine and ridiculous. The voters at two regular elections have signified by a sizable majority their desire to retain the present manager/council government.

His claim that "the experiment with the manager form of government in Agawam has been a dismal failure" is his and his supporters' opinion and obviously not that of the majority of the town's voters.

I shall fight any attempt by Moreno and his so-called Citizens for Good Government to place a mayor form on a special election ballot.

I remind the citizens of Agawam and in particular those who would sign a referendum petition that individuals such as Moreno opposed the manager system even prior to its adoption in 1972. Since that time they have gone to great lengths to hold it up to ridicule by harassing public officials, involving the town in costly law suits, and attempting to assassinate the character of two town managers.

This very same faction of malcontents initiated last November's referendum which cost the town's taxpayers over \$20,000. All this because they failed in their attempts to have the first town manager, James Westman, fired. They lost, but still refuse to accept the decision of the voters made in a democratic manner.

It must be obvious to all that Moreno and his supporters are a "rule or ruin" group. We have not been plagued, as he claims, by bad court decrees and attorney's decisions. We have been plagued by Moreno and his Citizens for Good Government.

Andrew C. Gallano  
891 Main Street

Dear Editor:

This week will, hopefully, see the last of Richie Theroux' tutelage as Town Council president.

Anyone attending the December 3rd council meeting saw that his "leadership" has brought that august body from being laughable to being ludicrous.

The voters wisely chose Elaine Bonavita, a champion of the people, to represent them, but Theroux, his "like-minded" colleagues, and their master, Pete Caputo, chose to stifle Ms. Bonavita, thereby negating our voice.

She tried to bring up real issues - the closing of the Ottawa Street fire station, the stewardship of the manager, the crisis on the Industrial Development Commission - but was negated each time by her fellow councilors who want to live in the dark.

The reasoning? Well, the fire station is the manager's baby, and heaven help the rule by law in this town if the sanctified, soon-to-be-deified charter, as defined by Posnik, be interpreted in the people's favor to allow a free discussion of this urgent matter.

That's right, the council wouldn't discuss the fire station because it's under the manager's jurisdiction, or so we're told. Fine, if it is his bailiwick, then don't vote on it, but can't it at least be discussed? What was all that flap 200 years ago about if free speech can be nullified by a pompous manager, his stooge president, and a lawyer who no longer works for the town?

Where is the spine of this council?

The Industrial Development Commission can't even gather a quorum at a critical time in our town's history. A very valuable piece of land with great potential sits off of Shoemaker Lane and Silver Street, yet the body that can help us most can't even get help from the manager. He dodged this one saying he's too busy with disaster relief applications to do anything else!

He wasn't too busy to court the Nantucket Board of Selectmen so that he could live the rest of his life in comfort bringing law and order over sand crabs and grass-covered dunes, now was he?

But the council just sat there and believed that he was too busy to do the rest of his job that he's getting paid for with OUR money.

And lastly, our esteemed council president just stood there grinning, stalling Ms. Bonavita with mumbo-jumbo about a procedure for firing the manager when all she wanted to do was discuss with her fellow councilors that she felt the manager just wasn't doing his job.

Well, January will bring us some more new blood to the council. Hopefully, another election in the near future will do the same. And fortunately, Caputo will bid a fond adieu to our town as well.

Hopefully, too, we'll see the council president keep his nebulous promise to step aside, and we'll have a council with real leadership that's not afraid to listen to the people.

After all, wasn't that the promise in 1971, that the new government would be more responsive to us?

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Casella  
75 Riviera Drive

To The Editor:

Many Americans have been shocked and angered by the recent events in Iran. Many shake their head and say "I don't know what this world is coming to!" As this crisis lingers on, one finds it hard to understand the philosophy of the people involved. Kangaroo trials, imprisonment without trial, seizure of property and execution are all permissible and even encouraged when carried out in the name of Revolution. This sound absurd and unthinkable in the U.S., but is it? The events of the past few weeks in this town might draw a parallel.

The Revolution might be compared to the pro-mayor movement with one notable exception - the people of Agawam have voted this proposal down twice. This revolution also has an ayatolla who believes to construct he must first destroy. It appears that any method used to destroy the manager form of government is acceptable when used to further the cause. They are too civilized to perform an execution; instead they execute the reputation and credibility of whomever stands in their way. They verbally abuse members of the family and then try, convict and carry out mental execution in the media.

As a person who has not always agreed with the political philosophy of Peter Caputo, I draw the line at the underhanded and malicious actions of the person or persons unknown. To purposely destroy a human being and cause his family severe mental anguish is not acceptable under any circumstances. I firmly believe that this action was carried out not only as a personal vendetta, but as a strong deterrent to any possible candidate for the office of town manager. I am sure the Town Council will have a difficult task attracting qualified people to a job in a town that is a political hotbed and knowing that this job may end his career.

Dan Lacienski  
268 So. West St., Feeding Hills

Dear Staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News,

Thank you for bringing fair and accurate news to the people of Agawam during this past year. Both my husband Don and I have enjoyed your paper. We feel it has made a substantial and worthwhile contribution to our community. Therefore, we are delighted to renew our subscription.

Sincerely,  
Ann Marie Laduzenski

## Christmas Hope And Hope For The 80's

By Ric Sardella

Christmas is a time of hope. It is a time when family, friends and relatives join together in celebration of the Christ-child and to drink the richness of life. It is a time of peace and goodwill towards all men...when people forget their troubles and the troubles of this often frustrating world.

As the decorations and tinsel returns to an attic slumber for another year, the joy and good spirits it symbolizes often become lost. That is unfortunate. More than ever, people need to grasp the holiday spirit and apply it to the coming year; a new horizon for all, a new decade.

Ten years ago, Americans looked to the 70's as the healer of the turbulent 60's - a decade when our very institutions fell under seige to emerging unrest and civil violence. "Americans need something to believe in, to regain the confidence that stretched from coast to coast during the 50's; but at the same time, understanding that the message of the 60's was to the betterment of our way of life," wrote one scholar from Harvard University on the eve of 1970.

A national poll, conducted immediately after Christmas, showed that Americans most admired then-President Nixon.

Suffice to say, Watergate and "Peace with Honor" vanguarded the malaise of the 1970's. An organization named OPEC and the long gas lines further challenged our trust and faith in government. In fact, a general apathy swept the nation. Inflation and the weariness it created for taxpayers fueled the building anxiety.

A peanuts farmer with a toothy grin and many promises said he could lead Americans to the promised land. As inflation and prices proliferated and gas lines grew, the new leader tumbled in the polls. He is now being challenged by a senator from Massachusetts for the nomination of his own party. The Democrats are battenning the hatches anticipating a bloodbath.

The continuing Iranian situation and accelerated terrorism has made Americans fully comprehend that U.S. resolve throughout the world has weakened. The Russian menace grows.

It is no small wonder that many Americans view the 80's dimly. Some say further discord and economic turmoil await as the decade unfolds.

Pessimism serves no one. True, Americans will be forced to address the fact that allowing Mid Eastern sheikdoms to control our destinies is no longer acceptable. The United States needs to examine its foreign policy. The post-Vietnam anxiety has allowed further Communist infiltration of the free world. As Leo Durocher once said, "Nice guys finish last."

Fortunately, the outrage and tragedy of Iran has resurrected the spirit and fortitude that gives us the right to say the American way with its faults is still the best, second to none. Our caring for fellow citizens being held against their will by a crazy old fanatic is a true gauge that Americans, if pressed, can quickly regain a feeling of patriotism. Ten years ago, patriotism equalled a swear word to some.

Here in Agawam, for example, townsfolk have facing

## Facts About Head Lice

The following information was compiled from publications released by Dr. Juranek, chief of parasitic diseases at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The purpose of this information is to attempt to provide concrete facts from an authority in the field with which parents of schoolchildren in Agawam can become familiar during the current crisis facing our town.

- 1) The problem is on the increase in the United States.
- 2) Head lice are bloodsucking insects that live on the scalp and the hair of human beings.
- 3) A louse can survive off the host for 6 - 10 days, but usually the louse, if off the host, will die within 48-50 hours (at room temperature).
- 4) Eggs (nits) will not hatch off the body.
- 5) Temperatures below freezing and above 130 degrees will kill lice.
- 6) Lice do not fly or hop, but crawl fairly rapidly.
- 7) Female louse lays approximately 6 eggs a day and generally lays them at night.

### DETECTION

The head louse varies in color from a dirty white to dark grey. Eggs or nits are attached to hair with a very strong cement by the female louse. Eggs are .8 mm. long and .3 mm. wide and yellow in color. The head louse is elongate in shape and ranges in size from 1/16 to 1/8 of an inch in length.

Inspection of the head will reveal that nits are most often attached to the hair close to the scalp behind the ears. Live lice are found on the scalp.

Inspect all family members for at least two weeks and immediately treat each person as he becomes infested.

### TRANSMISSION

- 1) Coming into close contact with an infested person
- 2) Wearing infested garments
- 3) Using infested articles, such as combs and brushes
- 4) Lying on infested carpets, beds, or upholstered furniture recently infested by an infested person.

### TREATMENT AND CONTROL

- 1) Contact a doctor for prescriptive shampoo. The use of a conventional soap or shampoo is not effective.
- 2) Pour shampoo (about 2 tablespoons) on the head and work into a lather with warm water.
- 3) Shampoo vigorously for at least four minutes, rinse thoroughly, and rub dry with a clean towel.
- 4) Comb well with a clean, very fine tooth comb.
- 5) Wash clothing in hot water (130 degrees); allow time between loads for full recovery so as to maintain temperature.
- 6) Place in dryer for 45 minutes at hottest setting.
- 7) Iron clothing at hot setting.
- 8) Dry cleaning
- 9) Seal clothing in plastic bag for 10 days.
- 10) Combs and brushes can be disinfected by soaking for one hour in a 2% Lysol solution.
- 11) Disinfecting carpets, upholstered furniture followed by thorough vacuuming of entire house.



them several crucial decisions that will guide the growth and political direction of the community.

With an ever-growing population and land reserves that can accommodate this influx of newcomers, will townsfolk take a posture of land development and land use or will they go the "bedroom community" route? And will the community see that an increase in its business base must coincide with the expected population boom?

The question of town government and its structure will again play a major role in the community makeup.

The 70's brought a new experiment to Agawam, the manager/council format as opposed to the selectman/town meeting charter, a charter that had ruled here since the days of the horse and buggy.

Like the rest of the nation, locals began questioning and losing faith in state and federal systems. This transcended to Town Hall. Many locals voiced frustration over an appointed chief executive, rather than an elected one. Two men have attempted to execute the charter, but professional service at Town Hall complementing sound policy-making by 15 elected councilors has not always been the rule.

To say the least, the charter has not lived up to expectations: Many variables are involved. In a nutshell, the charter is a melting pot of enigmatic politics, administrative procrastination and citizen discontent.

Yet, through the maze of controversy, divisiveness, and scandal, the electorate, and rightly so, supports the present charter. How long that continues remains a burning question and, as mentioned in this space before, can the charter continue to take the pounding? Look for the 80's to again jettison the issue before the voters.

But for the time being, townsfolk and Americans from New York to Los Angeles can throw up their arms and say, "Heavens to Betsy, it's the holidays and let's enjoy."

It is also a time for us all to count our blessings, which are many. And once the tales of St. Nick and the New Year's hangovers pass, the unfolding of that new and brighter hope is a quest for all to pursue.



# SPORTS

## Agawam JV Hockey Team Chalks Up Third Straight Win

The Agawam Junior Varsity Hockey team has scored its third straight win to remain undefeated for the season.

On December 5th, the team scored a great win against Suffield, Connecticut, JV, winning 6-1. Leading scorers in the game were David Bell with the three-goal hat trick, Jerry Ferrindino with three assists, Steve Kovalski with two assists, and Mike Carrier with one goal and one assist.

On December 15, Agawam came from behind with 18 seconds remaining in the game and beat hard-fighting Ludlow 5-4. Goal scorers were Jerry Ferrindino with two, Mike Carrier with two, and David Bell with one. Strong defensive efforts were turned in by Craig Colcombe and Paul Wood.

In other game action, playing a very strong Enfield JV team, Agawam again came from behind scoring a 6-3 win in the final period. A strong performance in goal by John Kunasek and Mike Nunziato held off the strong Enfield team while Steve Kovalski scored the three-goal hat trick. Other goal scorers were David Bell with two and one assist and the ever-present Jerry Ferrindino with one goal and three assists. Craig Colcombe and Mark Moirano were defensive standouts.

## St. Clare High, Roslindale Seeks Alumnae

Graduates of St. Clare High School in Roslindale, Massachusetts, will hold a general meeting of alumnae on January 22nd in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Coffee, wine and cheese will be served.

## Wrestling Season Open

By Jim Jenks

For all you grappler fans, the 1979-80 wrestling season has arrived. After endless hours of practicing and getting down to respective weights, the uniforms are finally pulled out of storage. For the first time since last year, the Orange and Brown is exhibited on the mats in the hopes of finding maybe another Bob Stone or Jerry Mason.

The Brownies opened up the wrestling season not quite the way they had planned. With two Agawam grapplers not making weight, the team lost to Granby High School 39-21.

"It was a shame it had to go that way," Coach Tomkiel said. "We could have beaten them if we were fully set."

Some high notes for Agawam, though, were Steve Tetreault and Tony Kryzkowski getting their first pins of the season.

Despite the loss to Granby, Agawam was looking ahead to two wins when they headed for the Berkshires last Saturday.

In a tri-match, the Brownies took on both Taconic and Pittsfield at the latter's high school. The Agawam matmen took immediately to last year's form disposing of Pittsfield 43-15.

Steve Fields, who lost a decision in Granby, evened his record at 1-1 by dropping his opponent 14-4 in the 121 weight class.

Captain Paul Zerbinopoulos (134) shut out his opponent 4-0, and Dan Olson (128) pinned his Pittsfield foe to lift Agawam to a commanding lead.

It was the big men, Joe Pezzimenti (169) and Jim Fleming (187), who ran the score even higher to its ultimate finish. Pezzimenti in his first match of the season pinned his opponent at the 2:11 mark in the match, while Fleming walked off with a 6-1 decision.

The best was yet to come. The matmen from Agawam pinned Taconic with an embarrassing 65-0 shutout.

Light man Steve Tetreault (107) upped his personal record to 3-0 by pinning his man in 35 seconds.

It was Bob Schwein (114), though, who made Coach Tomkiel's day. In Schwein's first match of the season, he wasted no less than eight seconds to do his job. With that eight-second pin and a forfeit earlier, Schwein stood 2-0 for the season, and he wasn't on the mat long enough to tie his shoes.

Another first time wrestler was Troy LaBrequé. Showing the depth of the Agawam squad, LaBrequé took Steve Fields place at 121 and destroyed his opponent in only 34 seconds.

The Brownie matmen continued to dominate as Zerbinopoulos (134), Kirk (140), Pezzimenti (169), Fleming (188), and big man Kevin Peck (HWT) all pinned their opponents.

The Agawam wrestling team clearly showed their talent and depth on the recent road trip, and they will be looking forward to Frontier Regional High School next Saturday when they wrestle in the confines of home.

## Sportsman Corner

by Bill Chiba



The Mawaga Sportsmen Club monthly and Christmas meeting was a big success as far as this scribe is concerned. When you can get an attendance of 135 members out of 150 at a meeting, you have to call it a success.

The scrumptious meal prepared by Bill Haver and his crew was a culinary feat. It was a pleasure for me to meet old timers such as Mreill Tisdell, Ken Grady, Carl Anderson, Dom Tangredi, and others. What surprised me most was the number of young members in the club. This is a rarity nowadays. Sportsmen Clubs are finding it hard to interest the younger generation. Then when we do get them in the club, it's hard to hold their interest for another year.

The club recommended Doug Bodurtha and Stud Kibbe for consideration for the Hiram Fox Memorial Award. The award is given for the sportsmen who have given more than their most through the years for the sportsmen movement in Massachusetts. The two chosen are excellent representatives of the organized sportsmen.

Many stories are heard after the gun season for deer each year. They usually are so outlandish that people raise their eyebrows when they hear the wild and woolly tales.

Well, this year is no different. Nick Madamas took a week off from his duties in Boston and hunted with Bobby Brown and his hairy crew. One day in the latter part of the week, Nick was hunting the South Ridge and the weather turned very warm. By the time this day rolled around Nick was very fatigued. So with the warm temperature, heavy clothing, pristine quiet of the forest, and the tiredness that sapped his strength from his body, Nick sat down against a beech tree and fell asleep.

A commotion of snapping twigs and stomping of hooves upon the ground woke him from his sound sleep. Upon awakening, he found himself looking into the face of a huge doe deer which was about 15 feet from him. The doe stood straddled legged, head stretched out in front of her body in a grotesque position. On the side of the startled hunter stood two fawns, who were just as curious as their mother.

Nick pulled his legs up under himself and stood up - the doe did not move. Nick waved his arm at the deer - she did not blink an eye. By this time the hunter was becoming nervous so he moved around in back of the tree. The deer took two steps closer, Nick picked up a stick and threw it at the deer. She bounded off with a snort and her offsprings followed her. Which goes to prove that you cannot figure out the crazy antics of deer at any given time.

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# AHS Hockey Team 1-1

By Jim Jenks

After the first full week of school boy hockey, the Agawam pucksters hold a record of one win and one loss.

Opening night for Agawam brought in the ever-tough Cathedral Panthers. If you remember last year's opening game, a 6-5 nailbiting loss to the same Panther team, the modern version brought back some memories.

The first period showed some fine end to end hockey for both squads. The Agawam forwards, however, had trouble finding the net on some great bids. After an elbowing penalty to Dan O'Brien had been killed off, Agawam forced the puck into Cathedral's end only to hit the post once and miss an open net. The first stanza ended in a scoreless tie with both teams playing good strong defense.

It was Cathedral who drew first blood. At 2:59 of the second, the Panthers netted the first goal of the young season, pushing the puck by a screened goalkeeper.

Just over four minutes later, Vin Macey of the Brownies fed a pass to Mike Longhi at the blueline. Longhi let loose with a slapshot that Pat Sullivan directed into the net with a great tip in.

It wasn't to stay tied long, though. Cathedral jumped out to a 2-1 lead on a Panther breakaway. Agawam net-minder Sam Deitelbaum made what looked like a spectacular save. Lying on his back, he had the puck caught in his pads. It fell out from the pads, behind the line, giving the Panthers the second goal.

At the 6:00 mark of the period, Deitelbaum stopped another one-on-one break making no mistake on where the puck was. It was Cathedral's period as they kept constant pressure on the Agawam net, but the defense held to task.

With only 1:10 left in the period, the Brownies knotted the score at two. The Panther goalkeeper could not clear the puck from his crease area. Puckster Tom Sibilia made good of the opposition's mistake and put the puck by the sprawling keeper. It was the same way at 3:25 into the final period; this time it was Vin Macey. Macey put the home team in front on a poke from the crease. It seemed to be Agawam's game.

When Cathedral finally broke out of their defensive zone, they made good of it. The defense failed to clear a rebound of the goalie's pads and Cathedral forced the puck into the upper netting tying the game at three.

It was Cathedral again scoring 56 seconds later. Defensemen John Colby found himself defending two players. Some nifty passing and a quick shot had

Cathedral out in front 4-3.

At 9:16 of the period, Jerry Sibilia went off for a tripping penalty and Cathedral added to the head with a power play goal and a two-goal margin.

The Brownies didn't die, though. With less than a minute left, Alan Hardina stick-handled his way to a goal. Hardina's score made it 5-4 with only 35 seconds left to play.

Trying to get another goal, Agawam pulled Deitelbaum from the net to add another offensive player. It was Cathedral, though, finding the empty net with just two seconds showing on the clock and icing the hockey game 6-4.

In their second game of the season, Agawam looked almost perfect in much of their execution. It took only 57 seconds to get the first goal.

Vin Macey got the tally to give the Brownies the early 1-0 lead. During the first period, Agawam kept such good control of the puck that Westfield often had to resort to hard hitting to obtain the offense.

The second period brought out the exciting hockey. It was nailbiting time. Westfield had tied the game at 6:47 of the period only to have that destroyed by Pat Sullivan. Mike Longhi provided the slapshot that Sullivan tipped by the Westfield keeper without even a flinch. Just over 40 seconds later, Westfield tied the game again making it 2-2 at 8:05 into the period.

It was Vin Macey's backhander at 10:48 that put Agawam ahead to stay. The big man forced the puck by a falling goalie to hoist the Brownies to a 3-2 lead.

Hardina showed his nifty skating ability taking the puck from the red line all the way to the goal and dripping in back for Jerry Ferrindino. Ferrindino, camped out in the slot, slid the puck under the goalie for the eventual game winner and a 4-2 lead.

The third period brought a goal each by both squads with Hardina getting Agawam's on a Vin Macey assist at 5:16. The final score was Agawam, 5, Westfield, 3.

## Junior High Girls' Basketball Has Record Turnout

Miss Lesley Clark, coach for the Agawam Junior High School girls basketball team, begins her second season at the helm with the difficult choice of who to include as players on the team. This year saw the largest number of tryouts for the basketball team ever.

After one week of hearing, "I don't think I can make it another day," or "Will she take it easier today?" Coach Clark decided on the following members for the team: Lisa Chevalier, Debbie Dalton, Sue-Ellen Goelert, Diane Goodman, Lena Kozloski, Maria Kozloski, Julie Miodowski, Jennifer O'Brien, Maria Ollari, Pamela Rowen, Lee Anne Sandlin, and Barbara Walsh.

The first game of the season for the girls will take place away at Northampton.

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Hopkins. "The only way we can find out if people are qualified to serve on a municipal board is to allow them to prove themselves by serving. The ones who are not good will fall by the wayside."

Caputo also re-affirmed his faith in Hopkins. The manager said he found Hopkins to be an articulate and responsible individual after an interview with the new board member.

As stated on several occasions, Caputo acknowledged that his various appointments during his two year tenure "have been a thorn in my side."

"It's a difficult choice to find an individual in this community who hasn't been involved in some past wars or who isn't related to someone. More than anything else this has created anxiety for me. I feel Mr. Hopkins was the man for the posi-

tion after talking with him and looking at his qualifications."

Hopkins is a 1971 graduate of Agawam High School and has done degree work at Springfield Technical Community College and Hofstra University. He resides at 107 Albert Street.

Councilors Paul Fieldstad, Elaine Bonavita and John Bartnik elected not to support the appointment.



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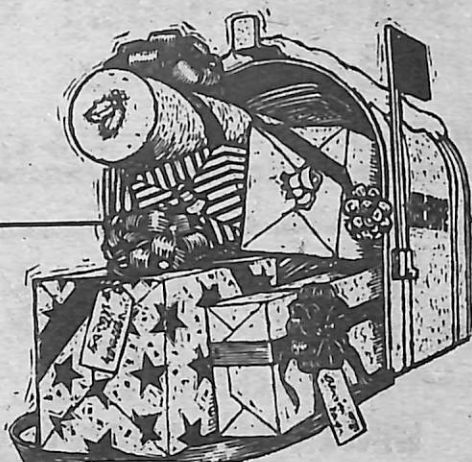


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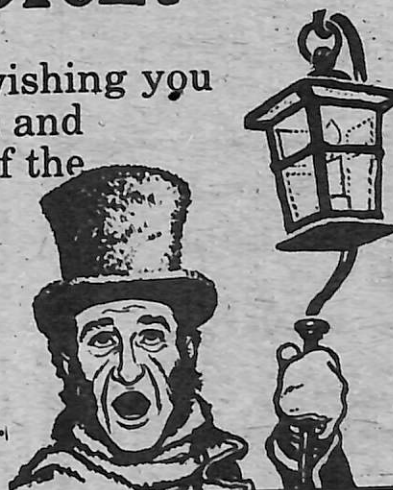
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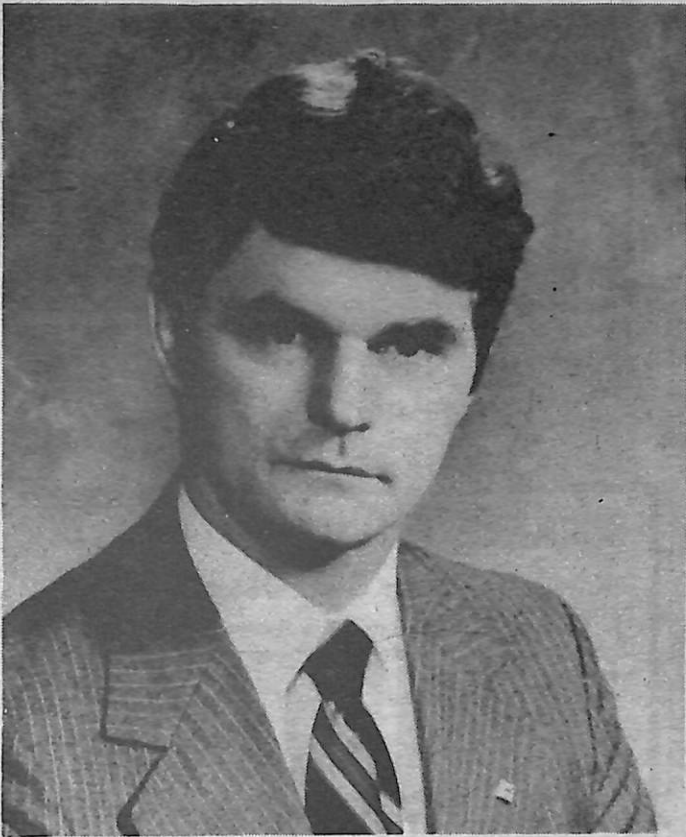
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A native of West Springfield and a Vietnam veteran, he graduated from Western New England College, cum laude with a B.B.A. in accounting. Mr. Chase has completed the Dale Carnegie Course in Human Relations, and has taken post graduate courses at the Graduate School of Consumer Banking at the University of Virginia.

He is a member of several civic and social organizations in the Greater Springfield area. Mr. Chase is married to the former Diana L. Guerin of Chicopee Falls, and they have four children. The Chases reside in West Springfield.

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Charles Kistner, principal at the Middle School, did state that the plan was to get enough volunteer nurses into the building on the day after vacation to be sure each child is checked on that day.

### Planned Procedure Following Vacation

The planned procedure at all the schools for the day

after vacation is an organized effort being coordinated by Bruno to be sure enough volunteer nurses are on duty in each school building in town on Wednesday, January 2nd so that every child in grades K through 7th will be checked that day.

"We are definitely trying to work out getting enough personnel to check every child on the elementary level on the day after vacation," stated Bruno.

Health Director Young concurred, saying, "If we come up short on volunteers, then enough nurses will be hired to accomplish these checks."

### Crowded Buses Scoffed At

Informed about parents' concern that their children will all be crowded together on buses going to school before any child is checked on the day following vacation, Young chuckled and said, "How can we set up checks the day before when everyone will still be at the Orange Bowl? Who would bring their children to be checked on New Year's Day?"

Asked point blank if he plans to investigate the possibility of some type of mass screening locations to be set up prior to the reopening of school, Young instructed his secretary to reply that the bussing question was "being looked into."

As we go to press, the procedure in regards to the detection of lice in the schools after vacation is for Assistant Superintendent Bruno to organize his principals in seeking volunteer nursing aid to be on duty on Wednesday, January 2nd. According to Young, there will be no screening done anywhere in town prior to the students arrival at schools that day.

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